

## Environmentally Preferable Products Procurement

Now that's a mouth full. I bet you can't say that three times fast. I also bet many of you have never hear of it before.

**"Environmentally Preferable Products** are products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. Such products or services may include, but are not limited to, those which contain recycled content, minimize waste, conserve energy or water, and reduce the amount of toxics disposed or consumed."

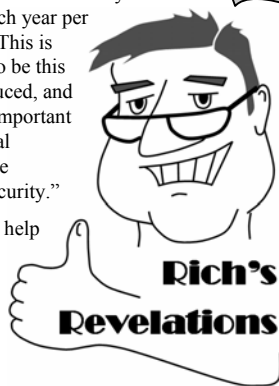
Think of the amount of waste you can avoid generating by simply buying into this philosophy.

Are we regulating small businesses to death? In a word, yes. According to a fact sheet from the SBA Office of Advocacy: "... small businesses spend nearly \$7,000 each year per employee just to comply" with regulations. This is 60% more than large firms!!! Does it need to be this way? No. "Excessive regulation can be reduced, and the economy improved, without sacrificing important regulatory goals such as higher environmental quality, greater travel safety, better workplace conditions, and increased family financial security."

The SBA has just released a new web tool to help promote small business friendly regulatory policy at the state level. Several states including North Dakota and Colorado are already involved which leads me to wonder when Arizona will participate? Check out the web tool [here](#).

-Richard Polito  
 SBEAP Manager

**"Arizona should get involved!!!"**



## Hot off the Press ...

### 23 STATES GO TO BATTLE OVER LOOSER EPA RULES

*Washington (12/1/2003):* A legal war between the states erupted Wednesday over the federal government's move to relax air pollution regulations. Nine states are taking on 14 states that want to block new federal rules relaxing pollution requirements for power plants ... [\(Click for Full Story\)](#)

### ADEQ FISCAL YEAR 2003 ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The report provides an overview of the department's activities from July 2002 and June 2003. It also includes detailed program-related information on the state's Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund, pesticide use in the state, and a comprehensive air quality report. [\(Click for Full Story\)](#)

## Hot off the Press ... (cont.)

### EPA ADMIN LEAVITT OUTLINES PLANS AND ASPIRATIONS FOR THE AGENCY

*Washington (12/2/2003):* Pledging to replace conflict with common sense and collaboration, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Mike Leavitt today outlined his guiding principles, conveyed his plans and aspirations for the Agency and previewed a 500-day action plan to significantly improve the nation's air quality. [\(Click for Full Story\)](#)

### EPA ISSUES ORDER TO ARIZONA LAND DEVELOPER FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH RUNOFF REGULATIONS

*San Francisco (11/24/2003):* The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently ordered an Arizona land developer to comply with stormwater runoff regulations at a property under construction in Anthem, Ariz. [\(Click for Full Story\)](#)

## Calendar Markers:

### December 11th

#### 34TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Environmentalist and television personality Jeff Corwin of the Animal Planet network program [The Jeff Corwin Experience](#), will provide the keynote address.

LINKS:

[INVITATION](#)

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[VALLEY FORWARD](#)



### December 12th

#### GOVERNOR'S PRIDE IN ARIZONA AWARDS CONFERENCE

*Clean & Beautiful*

LINKS:

[INVITATION](#)

[ARIZONA CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL](#)

### January 15th, 2004

#### BIODIESEL FOR A NEW YEAR

[WE NEED ATTENDEES!!!](#) Planning and preparations for this fun and informative event continue but we need more of you to [RSVP](#). Come find out more about the this



fantastic alternative fuel and its past, present, and future!! If you would like to know what to expect, a similar larger event is being held in California in February. [Check it out here](#) to learn more about that event. We would like to bring similar type information to the people of Arizona. [RSVP Today!!!](#)

LINKS:

[INFO AND RSVP](#)

[BIOFUEL INFORMATION](#)

[MORE CALENDAR MARKERS ... HEY, IT'S A BUSY MONTH](#)

[SUBSCRIBE NOW](#)[SBEAP HOME](#)**Handy Home Pages:**

We are sticking with the Environmentally Preferable Products (EPP) theme for the first Handy Home Page this issue. This particular site is a great information source for EPP and it also outlines the efforts of Massachusetts to utilize EPP within procurement.



EPA's Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) database gives every citizen the ability to easily access extensive information on EPA's environmental inspections, findings of violations and enforcement actions at more than 800,000 facilities nationwide.

The goal of Clean School Bus USA is to reduce both children's exposure to diesel exhaust and the amount of air pollution created by diesel school buses. Go to this EPA website and find out more about efforts to help our country's school children.



ENERGY STAR is a government-backed program helping businesses and individuals protect the environment through superior energy efficiency. This is the homepage for the program. It contains resources that will help everyone save energy.

**A<sup>2</sup>?****Ask Aaron:****A<sup>2</sup>?**

Q: Aaron, I have some upcoming changes to my facility that may require altering our existing air permit. How do I determine whether I should be submitting a Minor Modification or a Non-minor Revision?

A: I wish there was a simple way to make this determination but there really isn't. It will depend on things like your current emission levels, the type of change you will be making, the pollutants involved, and the increase in emissions (just to name a few). If you are unclear what needs to be submitted, the easiest thing to do is just ask. Give me a call and we can make the determination for you. I don't worry about the facilities that call and ask for assistance, I worry about those that don't.

LINK:

[SEND YOUR QUESTIONS](#)**The Green Scene:**

**PBS picks up local 'green' home-improvement series**  
PBS ordered 26 episodes of locally produced "Build It Green!" for national syndication, the first home improvement-style television show focused solely on environmentally friendly techniques. [\(Click for Full Story\)](#)

**Arizona Green Designers Take Top Honors In National Competition**

Phoenix (November 26): Arizona green building designers took top honors in the U.S. Green Building Council Design Competition as winners were announced at the 2003 Greenbuild Conference and Expo held in Pittsburgh, PA November 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>. [\(Click for Full Story\)](#)

**Environmentally Preferable Products**

Rich threw something in the Thanksgiving issue at the last second and I didn't really have a chance to expand upon it. The [Java Log](#) is one of those rare products that takes a waste, in this case used coffee grounds, and turns it into a useful product. This is an example of an Environmentally Preferable Product. I'll be identifying more products like this in future issues. [SUGGESTIONS](#)

**DVD Review:****Off the Subject:****Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines**

All in all, I actually really had fun watching this movie but ran into the Godfather III complex when reviewing it. For those of you unfamiliar with this complex, the first two Godfather movies were so good that the third had almost no chance of living up to its predecessors.

[READ FULL REVIEW](#)**Real Men of Genius Updated!!!**

Some of you let me know that the link I found for these ads no longer worked so I found another one to try. Paste this new address in your browser at home and enjoy some of the funniest radio commercials ever created:

<http://www.mizzou.edu/~npvytc/Budlight/Budlight.html>

**More Calendar Markers:****December 10th**

AAI'S ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH & SAFETY BREAKFAST NETWORKING MEETING

LINKS:

[EVENT DETAIL](#)



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**December 11th**

EPAZ MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETING

Featuring a presentation by Barton Day from the law firm of Bryan Cave. His presentation will be a follow up to the Sept presentation regarding ADEQ Haz Waste inspections.

LINKS:

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